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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL EXCHANGES

REF: A. BUCHAREST 6498; B. STATE 268972; C. STATE 268033;

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1. OCTAVIAN ICHIM, AGRICULTURAL REP AT ROMANIAN COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN NEW YORK HAS CABLED MINAG FOLLOWING SCHEDULE ALREADY ARRANGED BY USDA FOR HERA AND OLTEANU: NOVEMBER 17, BUCHAREST-NEW YORK-WASHINGTON; NOVEMBER 18 DISCUSSIONS AT USDA AND PM DEPARTURE FOR DESS MOINES; NOVEMBER 19 TO DECEMBER 5, VISITS TO IOWA STATE AND NEBRASKA UNIVERSITIES; DECEMBER 6-8, FINAL DISCUSSION WITH USDA; DECEMBER 9, LEAVE FOR BUCHAREST.

2. SINCE SCHEDULE APPARENTLY DOES NOT TAKE CU/EE INTERESTS INTO ACCOUNT, SUGGEST DEPT COORDINATE PROGRAM WITH USDA AND TWO UNIVERSITIES. PERHAPS HERA AND OLTEANU SHOULD SPEND NOVEMBER 18 AND 19 (THURSDAY AND FRIDAY) IN WASHINGTON TO PERMIT PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH CU/EE BEFORE THEIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH IOWA STATE AND NEBRASKA ON EXCHANGE PROGRAM. ASSUME CU/EE WILL ALSO WANT TO MEET WITH THEM ON THEIR RETURN TO WASHINGTON DECEMBER 6-8. DEPT SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT HERA/OLTEANU MISSION INCLUDES DISCUSSIONS WITH USDA ON TWO US-ROMANIAN AGRICULTURAL PROTOCOLS.

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3. UNLESS USDA OR UNIVERSITIES HAVE PROGRAMMED THEM ALREADY,
HERA AND OLTEANU MAY HAVE GAP IN SCHEDULE BETWEEN END OF VISIT TO IOW

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STATE NOVEMBER 24 AND BEGINNING OF VISIT TO NEBRASKA NOVEMBER 29
(REFTEL D). ADVISE WHETHER SPECIFIC REQUESTS FROM VISITORS WOULD
BE WELCOME; THEY MIGHT WANT TO RENEW CONTACTS FOR INSTANCE AT
CALIFORNIA CAMPUSES IN DAVIS AND BERKELEY.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT REPEATING OUR CAUTION TO VISITORS THAT
FINAL SHAPE AND SIZE OF EXCHANGE AGREEMENT DEPENDS ON COMMITMENT
FROM BOTH UNIVERSITIES TO COVER LOCAL COSTS OF FUTURE ROMANIAN
PARTICIPANTS. EMBASSY HAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT OLTEANU AND HERA
TRY TO GET FIRM COMMITMENT FROM NEBRASKA AND IOWA STATE ON DATES
THEIR REPS WILL PAY TWO-WEEK VISIT TO BUCHAREST.

5. EMBASSY RESERVE JUDGMENT ON PROPOSAL FOR FREY VISIT
IN FEBRUARY (REFTEL C) UNTIL WE SEE HOW IT FITS INTO
EXCHANGE PROGRAM, IF AT ALL. ONE-WEEK LECTURE STINT
IS NOT TYPE OF VISIT WE OR MINAG ENVISAGE FOR EXCHANGES.

6. FYI, ICHIM WILL MEET OLTEANU AND HERA IN NEW YORK
AND ACCOMPANY THEM THROUGHOUT THREE-WEEK STAY AS THIRD
MEMBER OF DELEGATION, BUT HIS EXPENSES WILL OF COURSE
BE ROMANIAN RESPONSIBILITY. ICHIM CONTACTS HAVE BEEN
ARMSTRONG AND NITZ OF USDA/FAS AND DEAN LEE KOLMER AND
J.T. SCOTT AT IOWA STATE.

6. REQUEST DEPT PROVIDE FISCAL DATA FOR TRAVEL ADVANCES
OF DOLS 35 EACH AND SUGGEST NEW YORK RECEPTION CENTER
COORDINATE NEW YORK-WASHINGTON TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WITH
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